

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

February 2, 2009

Present: N. Barrett; V. Dallas; L. Romano; N. Simon; A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz;
J. Whittum-Hudson; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard; R. Yamazaki

Absent with notice: C. Parrish

Naida Simon, Vice President of the AAUP-AFT, attended as the liaison from that body while Mr. Parrish is away from campus.

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of February 2, 2009.

1. Report from the Chair: The Provost reported that the official figures for winter term 2009 enrollment show that enrollment is down 1.3% compared with the winter 2008 term. The drop was substantially less than had been predicted.
- *2. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of January 26, 2009, were approved as submitted.
3. Disposition of No-longer Needed Equipment: Policy Committee received suggestions from the Facilities, Support Services and Technology Committee to facilitate the disposal of equipment that is no longer needed in departments. After discussing the University's policy on the disposal of equipment and the possibility that the state and federal agencies may have regulations that govern the disposal of equipment, Mr. Yamazaki, the liaison to the FSST Committee, was asked to convey to the Committee that it develop language for the Administrative Policies and Procedure Manual that would accomplish their goals. He agreed to do so.
4. Senate Meeting of February 4: Policy Committee discussed the agenda for the meeting.
5. Reports from Liaisons:
 - a. Ms. Whittum-Hudson, the liaison to the Research Committee, informed Policy Committee about the most recent meeting and the status of the Research Committee's survey that will be presented to the Senate on February 4.
 - b. Mr. Woodyard is a member of the Parking Advisory Committee. Associate Vice President Nabelah Ghareeb is preparing a survey on parking, and Mr. Woodyard suggested that the Academic Senate see the survey before it is released because users of the parking services might have issues that differ from the people developing the survey instrument. Parking Authority has had a major drop in revenues. Mr. Woodyard did a trend line analysis of parking rates at comparable institutions, and in most areas, WSU's costs were higher than the other institutions.

6. Salary Incentive Program: A program of incentives for faculty researchers is expiring this year. Before it is re-instituted, Policy Committee asked that it have an opportunity to review the policy as

they might have ideas to improve it.

Approved as modified at the Policy Committee meeting of February 9, 2009